

HOUSE No. 662

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the crime of incest. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXPANDING PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE CRIME OF INCEST.

1 *Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat
2 its purpose, which is to protect citizens of the Commonwealth
3 against the crime of incest, this act is hereby declared emergency
4 law, and necessary for the immediate preservation of public con-
5 venience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 272 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “consanguinity”, in line 1, the following
4 words:— , affinity or adoption.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its
2 passage.